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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Weapons Intelligence
THROUGH: Director, National Foreign Assessment Center
FROM: Director of Central Intelligence
SUBJECT: SAM

1. Attached is a think-piece sent to me by Joe Appleton, who was my deputy scientific adviser in Naples. He made the point to me that the advantages of the "proposed" modification are so great as to make it a likely course for future development.

2. His views seem to make sense. However, my impression of the state of Soviet technology puts the required fire control computer far downstream. If you believe, contrary to my impression, that a technical development such as this paper describes is in the offing, I would like to know about it. Otherwise, I assume you will simply assimilate this into your overall program of watchfulness.



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